



The Maricopa County Green Government Program (GGP) has been designed to steer the County towards a more sustainable way to conduct business and strengthen community internally. Additionally, many of the GGP actions and measurements will help improve environmental conditions that affect the residents of Maricopa County as well. The GGP also fosters vital partnerships with the business community that will help strengthen regional sustainability goals. The GGP has identified specific measures that are being implemented to help build community partnerships towards regional sustainability.

Did You Know?



















Maricopa County is an active member in the Sustainable Cities Network






















Action Statement

Pursue efforts that strengthen internal and external community building.





















Tag	Department	Measure Detail	Due	Status	Impact Icons
C1	Air Quality Department	New employee orientation will include educational elements of the AQ Green Government Program.	July 2012	On-Going	  
C2	Air Quality Department	Provide inspector training and refresher training to consistently enforce air quality rules and regulations.	July 2012	On-Going	  
C3	Air Quality Department	Provide community outreach programs through the promotion of the "Clean Air-Make More" campaign; providing training on best management practices for industry; holding "Brown Bags" sessions through-out the year concerning air quality topics; and providing Air Quality personnel to present air quality issues to businesses, schools and organizations through-out the county.	July 2012	On-Going	  
C4	Air Quality Department	Work with local, county and state lands representatives in developing ordinances for ATV and other activities for public lands.	July 2012	On-Going	 
C5	Air Quality Department	Develop and implement a Personal Sustainability Program for the department staff with the ultimate goal of having sustainability as part of the air quality culture.	July 2013	Launched	 
C6	Environmental Services	Develop in-house comprehensive recycling program in partnership with Solid Waste and Air Quality Dept.	July 2010	Accomplished	 
C7	Environmental Services	Achieve a 75% rate for all customer requests to be processed online.	July 2015	Launched	  














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C8	Environmental Services	Increase the # of different types of items recycled as compared to those counted in FY2012	July 2013	Launched	 
C9	Environmental Services	Continue the internal educational protocol to promote employee awareness on sustainability issues.	July 2012	On-Going	 
C10	Equipment Services	Educate all Maricopa County vehicle fleet operators about the Anti-Idle program.	July 2013	Launched	   
C11	Equipment Services	Complete AIM II system installations on any replacement and new additions to the County fleet.	July 2013	Launched	  
C12	Equipment Services	Provide written direction on an ongoing basis to county agencies and departments regarding the responsibilities Maricopa County has in relation to the vehicles that the county operates and their impact on the environment.	July 2009	On-Going	   
C13	Facilities Management	Have an established membership and be an active participant in the following organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> US Green Building Council Association of Energy Engineers Distributed Energy Association of Arizona Illuminating Engineering Society Municipal Energy Alliance of Greater Phoenix Sustainable Cities Network 	July 2010	On-Going	   



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C14	Facilities Management	Ensure pedestrian scale amenities in 100% of all future facilities and all remodel projects when logistically feasible.	July 2013	On-Going	
C15	Facilities Management	Install bike racks at all applicable county owned/managed facilities.	July 2014	Launched	 
C16	Human Services	Integrate green-collar job training into the Workforce Development curriculum.	July 2012	On-Going	 
C17	Human Services	Integrate green building techniques into Community Development construction projects.	July 2012	On-Going	  
C18	Human Services	Provide development sustainability education to at least 90% of individuals/families served through HSD's LIHEAP.	July 2014	Launched	   
C19	Human Services	Promote sustainability by changing business practices within HSD.	July 2012	On-Going	   
C20	Library District	Develop a "Green Section" in each library that has books/publications on things related to sustainability and green living.	July 2014	On-Going	 















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C21	Library District	Provide Green/Sustainable programs for library customers.	July 2014	Launched	 
C22	Library District	Recycle and/or reuse 100% of all withdrawn/discarded library materials and provide co-mingled recycling for customers.	July 2012	On-Going	 
C23	Parks and Recreation	Add at least 5,000 acres to the Maricopa County regional park system.	July 2015	Launched	 
C24	Parks and Recreation	Protect 25% of the identified buffers in the parks and recreation master plan from development encroachment.	July 2015	Launched	 
C25	Parks and Recreation	Add 15 miles annually to the Maricopa County Regional Trail System until completed.	July 2013	On-Going	  

"There must be a better way to make the things we want, a way that doesn't spoil the sky, or the rain or the land".













-Sir Paul McCartney













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C26	Parks and Recreation	Increase Environmental/Stewardship Education program participation by 10% over FY 2010 with a 90% satisfaction rating.	July 2015	Launched	 
C27	Planning and Development	Implement an optional residential Green Building program.	July 2013	Launched	   
C28	Planning and Development	Facilitate and expedite permitting and construction inspections for solar energy related projects.	July 2013	On-Going	 
C29	Planning and Development	Prepare criteria for Board of Supervisors consideration and adoption that addresses open space in new development, open space connections, and trails.	July 2013	Launched	 
C30	Planning and Development	Prepare criteria for Board of Supervisors consideration for adoption that outlines recommended land use ratios, and other land use efficiency principles for various types and sizes of developments.	July 2013	Launched	 

“The first rule of sustainability is to align with natural forces, or at least not try to defy them.”
-Paul Hawken











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C31	Planning and Development	Prepare building and site design guidelines for Board of Supervisors consideration that addresses water conservation methods for buildings, parking lot design, hardscape and open space areas and that addresses rain water harvesting in drainage and subdivision regulations.	July 2013	Launched	
C32	Planning and Development	Prepare a comprehensive policy for adaptive reuse of brownfields for solar energy generation facilities.	July 2013	Not Started	  
C33	Planning and Development	Set up a protocol for on-line project review and public comment on land use project submittals by outside agencies and the public.	July 2013	Launched	  
C34	Public Health	Continue internal Public Health Green Council.	July 2013	On-Going	 
C35	Public Health	Assist with the development of Health Impact Assessments that provide real value to the Maricopa County Planning and Development Department and valley city policy makers.	July 2013	Launched	 
C36	Public Health	Partner with Mayor Stanton's Sustainability Advisory Committee on the vacant lot reactivation project for the lot adjacent to Steele Indian School Park.	July 2013	Not Started	



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C37	Public Health	Develop an internal educational protocol to promote employee awareness on sustainability issues.	July 2013	On-Going	 
C38	Public Health	Work with FMD to add bike racks at all Public Health Facilities.	July 2013	Not Started	 
C39	MCDOT	Adopt a Highway Program will increase the number of adopted miles in both its Volunteer and Sponsorship programs.	July 2012	Launched	 
C40	MCDOT	Adopt a Highway Program Volunteer Groups and Sponsors will clean 80 miles of roadway each quarter.	July 2012	Launched	 
C41	Waste Resources And Recycling	50% of the total annual tons of green organic material brought to Maricopa County transfer stations will be composted.	July 2013	Launched	 



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C42	Waste Resources And Recycling	100% of closed Maricopa County landfills will have minimized/eliminated dust emission via the establishment of vegetative cover and/or soil cement/stabilizers on landfill cap and access roads.	July 2013	Launched	  
C43	Waste Resources And Recycling	50% of the total annual tons of waste materials to Maricopa County operated transfer stations would be diverted from disposal in landfills. (Recycle, compost, beneficial re-uses)	July 2014	Launched	 
C44	Waste Resources And Recycling	80% of the residents of Maricopa County surveyed will indicate satisfaction with public outreach efforts regarding recycling, reuse and reduction of illegal dumping.	July 2015	Launched	  

"To waste, to destroy, our natural resources, to skin and exhaust the land instead of using it so as to increase its usefulness, will result in undermining in the days of our children the very prosperity which we ought by right to hand down to them."

— Theodore Roosevelt.





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